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Attached are the following papers for the above-identified application:

1. Response To Election Of Species Requirement

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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KENICHI SAKUMA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/921,569

Filed: August 6, 2001

For: EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM, EQUIPMENT  
MANAGEMENT APPARATUS,  
CONTROL METHOD  
THEREFOR, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE  
MEMORY

Examiner: Dennis William Ruhl

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the September 22, 2005 Requirement To Elect between  
species, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, namely the  
embodiment depicted in Figure 2. Claims 1 to 5, 9 to 13, 17, 19 to 23, 27 to 31, 35, 37, 39  
and 41 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

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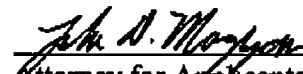
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Regarding a formal matter, it is respectfully requested for the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the Japanese priority application filed in this case on October 31, 2001.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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